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Dear Mr. Chouinard:

This is in response to your April 29, 2020, letter sent to the public docket (No. FAA-2020-0447) petitioning the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of Elevate Jet Air (Elevate Jet) for an exemption from §§ 61.157(a); item I (b) of Appendix A to part 61; 121.424(a), (b), and (d)(1); item I (a) of Appendix E to part 121; and item I (b) of Appendix F to part 121 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR). That exemption, if granted, would allow Elevate Jet to conduct training and checking of pilots on airplanes that require two flight crewmembers for the required preflight inspection, both interior and exterior, using approved advanced pictorial means.

This letter is to inform you that relief from § 121.424(a), (b), and (d)(1); item I (a) of Appendix E to part 121; and item I (b) of Appendix F to part 121 for the required preflight inspection through exemption is no longer available. The Pilot Professional Development final rule (Amdt. 121-382, 85 FR 10896, February 25, 2020) eliminated the need for this relief. Under that rule, the FAA allows use of approved pictorial means to conduct training and checking of pilots for the required preflight inspection without the need of an FAA exemption. A certificate holder is required to obtain approval of the pictorial means from its Principal Operations Inspector to exercise this privilege. Additionally, in accordance with § 121.434(b)(3), if the preflight visual inspection is conducted by approved pictorial means during an initial, transition, conversion, or upgrade proficiency check, the pilot must also demonstrate proficiency to a check pilot on at least one complete preflight visual inspection of the interior and exterior of a static airplane before the completion of operating experience.

Additionally, Appendix A to part 61 and the reference to Appendix A found in § 61.157(a) were removed from 14 CFR as part of the Pilot, Flight Instructor, Ground Instructor, and Pilot Schools Certification Rules final rule (62 FR 16220, April 4, 1997). Thus, as these sections no longer exist, the FAA is no longer granting relief from § 61.157(a).

Because the relief you seek is now covered under the new rule, we will take no further action on your petition.

Sincerely,

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